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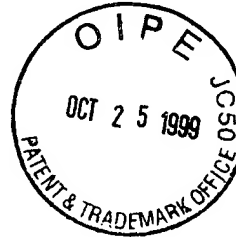
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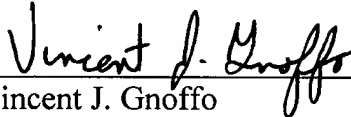
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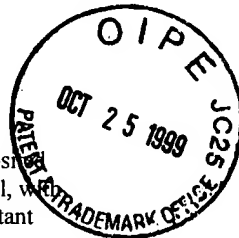
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Pursuant to the obligation recited in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement in prosecution of this application.

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